

IL HIE Medicaid Work Group

Meeting Notes

April 7, 2014

Attendees (by phone):

Mary Baksys	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Janet Baxter	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (CHITREC)
Ben Barnard	Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Connie Christen	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Emily Fisher	Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Julie Glen	Loyola University Health System
Roger Holloway	Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (IL-HITREC)
Peter Ingram	Sinai Health System
Wyona Johnson	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Roger King	Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Robert Kolodenko	Loyola University Health System
Kelsey Landers	Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority
Elizabeth McKnight	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center
Mary Ring	Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
Direndia Shackelford	Advocate Physician Partners
JoAnn Spoor	Illinois Hospital Association
Jeff Todd	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Theresa Walunas	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center
Eric Watson	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dale Webb	Department of Healthcare and Family Services

1) Review of Minutes

The work group approved the March 24th meeting minutes.

2) 2013 and 2014 Attestations

Dave Barnes explained how Eligible Hospitals (EHs) have three, four and five year payment schedules for the incentive program. The total number of EHs that have received all of their incentive payments is 49. There are 72 EHs with one payment left, 43 with two payments left and 16 with three or more payments left.

Dave noted that EHs that have received all of their payments from HFS are still required to report Meaningful Use every year with Medicare but not with Medicaid. If they do not, they may receive a Medicare penalty. To ensure that hospitals know about this, a notice will be written and sent to the 49 EHs that have received all of their incentive payments. The notification will be sent to the contact person at each hospital and possibly to chief financial officers.

3) Electronic Health Record Medicaid Incentive Payment Program (eMIPP) Status Update

Dave provided an update on the 2013 attestations saying that no EHs have been paid since the last work group call. 1,408 Eligible Professionals (EP) attestations have been sent to the Illinois Comptroller's Office for payment. As discussed on the last call, funds are temporarily unavailable due to the way federal claiming was set up. HFS expects to have the funds available very soon. There have been no 2014 attestations received.

4) Pre-payment Audit Process

Wyona Johnson stated that an Office of Inspector General (OIG) staff person will be on the next work group call to discuss auditing of EPs and EHs. OIG is developing their audit plan and welcomes any suggestions from the work group. Suggestions can be sent to Mary Baksys or Jeff Todd at HFS. **Jeff** indicated that he has a good document regarding audits that he received after participating in a recent webinar and he will find out if that document can be used by others.

5) Regional Extension Centers (RECs) and Education Reports

Theresa Walunas said that the help desk has been quiet. A new round of communication is beginning. A webinar on CQM was done and another on privacy and security will be done. A survey was sent to providers to find out who is getting medical record software upgrades this year. Seventy responses were received and two-thirds of them responded that they would have an upgrade by July. The information that HFS sent regarding providers that haven't participated in the eMIPP is being analyzed.

Roger Holloway reported that IL-HITREC has assisted and had direct contact with 223 organizations that represent about 2,600 providers. Many of them were optometrists and dentists who are now attesting for Adopt, Implement, and Upgrade.

Meeting adjourned. The next call is scheduled on Monday, April 21st.